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Serial No : 08/996,367

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For : HEAT SHRINKABLE FILMS CONTAINING SINGLE SITE CATALYZED
COPOLYMERS

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56 and in accordance with 37 CFR §1.97 et. seq., Applicants, through and by their attorneys, hereby direct the Examiner's attention to the documents enclosed and to the attached Appendix A, which provides additional information concerning the attached documents. Appendix A provides additional information regarding items 75 and 76 of the IDS filed 20 February 1998. Appendix A was already made of record in parent USSN 08/418,926 in an IDS filed therein on July 7, 1995. However, additional copies of items 75 and 76 are provided herewith, for the Examiner's convenience.

A filled-in form listing the enclosed U.S. Patent is presented herewith for the Examiner's review and convenience. A Copy of the listed documents is enclosed.

By inclusion of any given document in this Information Disclosure Statement, Applicants in no way admit that such document is effective as prior art against the above-identified application under either 35 USC §102 or 35 USC §103.

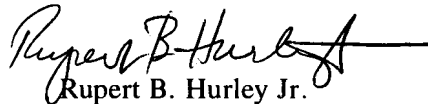
The Examiner is requested to independently review these cited documents for their relevance to the present case.

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APPENDIX A

Applicant directs the Examiner's attention to the attached RD&E Development Order Form, bearing a "Ship Date Assigned" of April 10, 1990, and a document entitled "Duncan Customer Service", bearing an "Ordered Date" of April 10, 1990. These two documents pertain to the sale of a film product from Applicant's assignee, W.R. Grace & Co. - CONN, to H.E. Butt Grocery Co. in San Antonio, Texas. The documents describe an event which involved the sale of about 1800 pounds of a multilayer barrier film containing a linear homogeneous ethylene/alpha-olefin copolymer in the seal layer.

The seal layer comprised the linear homogeneous ethylene/alpha-olefin copolymer in an amount of about 95 weight percent, based on the weight of the seal layer. The seal layer further comprised about 5 weight percent of an antiblock masterbatch, which comprised low density polyethylene in an amount of about 90 weight percent, based on the weight of the masterbatch.

The homogeneous ethylene/alpha-olefin copolymer was obtained from the Exxon Chemical Company, of Baytown Texas, and was identified as SLP-1-288 resin, a polymeric resin which, based on information and belief, comprised a linear polymer produced via metallocene-catalysis and which had a density of about 0.912 and a melt index of 3.5-4.5.

The barrier layer of the multilayer film comprised ethylene/vinyl alcohol copolymer, commonly referred to as "EVOH". The multilayer film also contained layers which comprised ethylene/vinyl acetate copolymer, and an outer abuse layer comprising high density polyethylene. Several of the film layers comprised ionomeric polymer, more specifically, sodium neutralized methacrylic acid. The multilayer film also contained a plurality of adhesive layers which contained anhydride-modified linear low density polyethylene.

The film had a thickness of about 6 mils, and is believed to have been used by the customer to package products using a vacuum skin packaging operation, which includes a thermoforming step. Following the packaging of certain meat products, the resulting packaged product was supposedly cooked in the package, i.e., underwent "cook-in".

Applicant requests that the above-described information be considered in the examination of the instant application, and that in the next Office Action the Examiner provide written acknowledgement of his/her review and consideration of the above two documents, together with this Appendix to the Information Disclosure Statement.

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RD&E DEVELOPMENT ORDER FORM

DISTRIBUTION

RD&E SERVICE REP. Sandy Blackmiller 38990
 PROJECT ENGINEER Solomon Beale
 APPLICATIONS
 PRODUCT LINE MGR
 (NEW ORDER ONLY)
 ASSIGNED TO
 CUSTOMER SERVICE Julie Carter

NO. 0-4410
 Date 3-28
 APPROVED BY:
 1. Proc. Dev.
 2. Appl. Mgr.
 (EDO ONLY)

TO BE COMPLETED BY ORIGINATOR

or Printed Materials
 Dat Number 441800 New Art Work
☐ Inside ☒ Outside
 Coating ☐ Inside ☒ Outside
 Sealant ☐ Inside ☒ Outside
 Machine US44
☒ Forming
☐ Web ☐ Non Forming

or Coated Materials

| Film Date Requested | Film Type | QTY | WIDTH/LENGTH | GA | CORE | FOOTAGE | END USE | NOTES |
|--|---------------------------------|---------------|----------------------|--------------|-----------|-------------|---------|-------|
| <u>3304</u> | <u>LDX</u> | <u>20-150</u> | <u>18 3/8 x 1500</u> | <u>60mil</u> | <u>6"</u> | <u>1500</u> | | |
| | Circle One of Dv Sw Cf Bag Tube | | | | | | | |
| | Circle One Plain Print | | | | | | | |
| | Circle One Coated Uncoated | | | | | | | |
| Customer P.O. <u>MPFPR24</u> | | | | | | | | |
| Film-Bag Status <input type="checkbox"/> EDO <input type="checkbox"/> PDU <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | | | | | |
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TO BE COMPLETED BY PROJECT ENGINEER

Film Date Assigned 04-10-90
 Refit: 6-7749 Dept. 122 Project 4040
 Unit Price \$270/roll
 Total Imps
 No Rolls
 Imps per Roll
 Pounds
 Application Development
 END USE APPROVED
 SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS
Cancelled + replaces
0-3486
 SLIT/CF
 BAGGING

TO BE COMPLETED ON EDO MATERIALS ONLY

Product Description
 Sales or -- DX Code
 Ship Lead Time
 Restrictions
 HFG Code
 Selling Price Est.

COMPLETION DATE

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H E BUTT GROCERY CO
ATTN MEAT PLANT
4710 N PAN AM EXP
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SAN ANTONIO TX

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MPFPK241

INVOICE NO
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ORDERED DATE
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MERCHANTS IT 6413 COMFA25 688168

PRODUCT#: 9W947
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SALES-TYPE: LDX3204 GAUGE: STD
SIZE: 18 3/8 X 1500
MATERIAL: LAMINATE
ROLL

ORDERED:
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RD&E TEST MATERIAL FROM THE CRYOVAC
DIVISION, W. R. GRACE & CO. NO
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SUPPLY ADDITIONAL QUANTITIES OF THE
SAME OR SIMILAR PRODUCTS.

RELEASE ORDER 05/18/1990

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| CTNS | 0 | LBS | 0 | OTHER |

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